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The Color Guard is one of many Navy roles in the 1997 inaugural parade on Jan. 20. (U.S. Navy photo)

## Navy participates in presidential inaugural parade

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Several Navy units will participate as presidential escorts in the presidential inaugural parade Jan. 20.

The presidential escort traces its roots back to the inauguration of George Washington, who was escorted up the steps of New York's Federal Hall by members of the Armed Forces.

Military units in the inaugural parade include active-duty, reserve and National Guard units. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine academies will also join in the inauguration celebration.

Military units are coordinated by the Armed Forces In-

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## Gulf War Illness update

by Douglas J. Gillert

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Illnesses suffered by veterans of the Gulf War have taught DOD valuable lessons, according to the department's chief medical officer. "Though difficult for us all, there is a proverbial silver-lining with respect to the Gulf War experience," said Dr. Stephen Joseph, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, at a Jan. 7 Pentagon press briefing.

Following the war, DOD developed ways to better protect troops from "the full range of hazards in theater, including chemical and biological agents [and] strengthened basic public health measures against environmental hazards."

DOD also improved medical records and currently is refining a soldier-carried, computer-based medical dog tag. In addition, a new deployment and post-deployment medical surveillance system helps identify health problems for prevention or more rapid treatment, Joseph said.

"The lessons learned from the Gulf War make us better able to protect our people, better able to listen to and dialogue with our troops, better able to understand the causes of their illnesses, better able to prevent illness and injury and better able to diagnose and treat what we cannot prevent."

# Savings Bond Campaign kicks off soon

courtesy of BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The 1997 Savings Bond Campaign kicks off in march, and Navy officials are urging commanders to make preparations now.

The 1997 campaign, "U.S Savings Bonds — a great way to save," will focus on factual information emphasizing the advantages of savings bonds as a means of systematic savings. The Navy's goals are to increase overall

participation in the Savings Bond program by 10 percent and to have 20 percent of current bond buyers increase their savings level.

To achieve these goals, the Chief of Naval Personnel is asking for personal involvement at every level of the command. Campaign coordinators will be assigned to head canvassing teams. There will be one canvasser for every 20 members of each command responsible for

contacting all military and civilian personnel to provide information regarding Savings Bonds.

Savings Bond Campaign materials will be forwarded to all commands by February. For additional information, contact the Bureau of Naval Personnel Savings Bond Program Manager, Mrs. T. E. Jones, at (703)614-3248 (DSN 224) or check NAVADMIN 004/97.

# Sailors urged to verify SGLI coverage

by LT Lydia Robertson  
BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Unless Sailors have elected otherwise, coverage under the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is \$200,000 for all active and reserve service members.

The increase took place in 1996.

Under an FY96 Defense Authorization Bill provision, SGLI coverage automatically increased to \$200,000, up from \$100,000, for all service members in April 1996.

NAVADMIN 93/96, released by the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) last April, provided details about this enhanced insurance benefit, as well as

information on how to decline or lower the amount of coverage.

The monthly premium doubled to \$18 to cover the increase in the coverage. Sailors saw an automatic deduction for that amount unless they elected to reduce coverage.

The NAVADMIN also reminded Sailors that use of "by law" as an SGLI beneficiary designation is prohibited based on guidance contained in NAVADMIN 035/96.

A new SGLI form (SGLV 29-8286 dated April 1996) became effective last July. To avoid any ambiguities in the selected amount and distribution, BUPERS recommends Sailors fill out

the new form for record purposes. If service members wish to change the amount of coverage, they must fill out this form and note the amount of coverage they want.

More information on the automatic increase in coverage to SGLI, specific procedures for changing coverage amounts, and options for designating beneficiaries is contained in NAVADMIN 93/96. BUPERS points of contact are Mr. Peter Darby (PERS-662) at (703) 693-0804 (DSN 223) and DK1 Woods (PERS-331D4) at (703) 697-6808 (DSN 227).



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## THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

**Jan. 16, 1991 — Operation *Desert Storm*.** A blitz led by more than 100 *Tomahawk* cruise missiles fired from nine Navy ships in the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea began hammering strategic targets inside both Iraq and Kuwait, signaling the start of offensive combat operations as operation *Desert Shield* turned into a *Desert Storm*.

## BUPERS announces FY97 early separation program

by LT Lydia Robertson  
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WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) recently announced the FY97 enlisted early separation program, authorizing commanding officers to grant individuals up to six months early separation.

The program applies to active duty enlisted service members including USN, USNR, TAR and canvasser recruiters, and is an extension of the FY96 enlisted summer early separation program

(NAVADMIN 137/96).

According to NAVADMIN 007/97, enlisted service members may request early separation for up to six months prior to their end of active obligated service (EAOS) if the EAOS (or EAOS as extended) is before Jan. 1, 1998. Commands who grant early separation should not expect a relief until the service member's EAOS or projected rotation date (PRD), whichever is earlier.

NAVADMIN 007/97 includes more information on eligibility, limitations, program dates and other

considerations including Montgomery GI Bill impacts, veterans benefits, recoupment of enlistment/reenlistment bonus, transition services and separation incentives.

Points of contact are: policy guidance (Pers-222D) at (703)695-3853 (DSN 225); proceeding questions (Pers-254) at (703)614-1285 (DSN 224); cancellation of inoperative extensions (Pers-254) at (703)697-3800 (DSN 227); and educational entitlements (Pers-604) at (703)614-5934 (DSN 224).

## Commands recognized for community service

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The winners of the 1996 Navy Personal Excellence Partnership and Community Service of the Year Awards have been announced by the Chief of Naval Operations.

This year's winners represent Sailors, civilians and family members who have volunteered their time and talents to make a difference in their schools, communities and environment.

This year's winners are as follows:

— Personal Excellence Partnership (overseas): Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron light 51, homebased in Atsugi, Japan;

— Personal Excellence Partnership (shore): Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Norfolk;

— Personal Excellence Partnership (sea): USS *Sustain* (AFDM 7), home port Norfolk;

— Community Service (overseas): Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;

— Community Service (shore): Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, San Diego;

— Community Service (sea): USS *Hue City* (CG 66) (third year winner), home port Mayport, Fla.;

— Honorable mention for innovation in a partnership: Naval Technical Training Center Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., for its Boys-to-Men Program;

— Honorable mention for successful first-year partnership: Communications Security Material System, Washington, D.C.;

— Honorable mention for sustained sea partnership and more than 90 percent command involvement: USS *Nebraska* (SSBN 739); home port Kings Bay, Ga.;

— Honorable mention for sustained sea partnership: Strike Fighter Squadron 125, based in Lemoore, Calif.;

— Honorable mention for sustained community involvement: U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Westpac, Guam;

— Honorable mention for going out with style with a sustained superior

program: Naval Security Group Activity Edzell, Scotland (decommissioned September 1996);

— Honorable mention for innovation in a community service project and 100 percent command involvement for building habitat for humanity houses with prison inmate volunteers: Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 Detachment 0928, Millington, Tenn.;

— Honorable mention for its focus on technology and science: Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, R.I.

The awards board also voted unanimously to give special recognition to USS *Bainbridge* (CGN 25), another third year winner, and establish a special USS *Bainbridge* award to recognize sustained excellence in a community service program. USS *Bainbridge* was decommissioned in September 1996.



# Seabees support Operation *Pacific Haven*

by JO2 Sharon Dewar  
Joint Information Bureau Staff

GUAM (NWSA) — Some of the evacuees who fled their homes in Northern Iraq now reside in houses formerly occupied by Sailors.

*Quick Transit III*, the final evacuation phase of Operation *Pacific Haven*, brought about 3,800 new arrivals to Guam, many of whom were housed

at what used to be the former Naval Air Station Agana. The air station was closed in 1995 as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action.

To avoid overcrowding the facilities at the Andersen South housing annex, Navy Seabees, in cooperation with their civilian partners from the Public Works Center, worked quickly

to prepare 117 units at the housing complex "re-habitable."

According to LCDR Wayne Walker, the facility coordinator for the new site, about 1,300 of the *Quick Transit III* evacuees, who began arriving Dec. 7, are temporarily living in the "Ocean Vista" housing area at the former Naval Air Station.

# Navy looks to save American tax dollars

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The U.S. Navy will study operations in Guam and the continental United States during FY97 to identify possible cost savings to taxpayers by finding outside sources and privatizing functions performed at Navy shore facilities and commands. But, Navy officials emphasize that these are studies only, and no decisions have been made.

Guam and Pensacola, Fla., will be the model study locations because of their similar or same support

functions across their regional area.

Operations to be surveyed include base operation support functions such as public works, supply, berthing, motor vehicle maintenance, administrative support, data processing, child care and a small number of technical support functions at Navy research and development centers.

According to Navy officials, installations being surveyed are not targeted for privatization or outsourcing. Any decision to convert



support functions to commercial contracts would be made only if the detailed studies indicate that significant savings of tax dollars can be achieved.

## Status of the Navy



Jan. 13, 1997

**Personnel:** 407,664 active duty;  
98,374 reserves; 217,824 civilians

**Aircraft:** 4,817

**Ships:** 352

**At Sea:** 151 ships (43%)

**Deployed:** 98 ships

**Personnel Deployed:** 47,682

**Exercises:** 8

**Port Visits:** 11

**SSNs at Sea:** 37 (50%)

**Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:**

USS *Kitty Hawk*/CVW-11: *Southern Watch*, Arabian Gulf

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3:  
local ops, Mediterranean Sea

**LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:**

USS *Essex*/11th MEU: *Eager Mace*,  
Arabian Gulf

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: local ops.

Adriatic Sea.

USS *Boxer*: local ops, Eastern  
Pacific

**Ships Assigned to Middle East**

**Force:** USS *Paul Hamilton*, USS  
*Leftwich*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ar-*  
*dent*, USS *Dextrous*, USS *Stump*,  
USS *Stephen W. Groves*, USS  
Nicholson, USS *Halyburton*

**Other Exercises/Operations:**

Counter-Drug Operations,  
Caribbean/East Pacific  
Maritime Interception Operations,  
Arabian Gulf

Operation *Southern Watch*,  
Arabian Gulf

*Eager Mace*, Arabian Gulf  
*Red Crown*, Adriatic Sea

## Parade

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augural Committee, a temporary Joint Task Force, established to provide authorized support for inaugural activities.

Navy units include: Navy Band, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.; 9th Company, Brigade of Midshipmen, Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Navy Ceremonial Guard Marching Company, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.; Navy Color and Ceremonial Guard, Naval Station Anacostia, Washington, D.C.; and National Capital Region Naval Reserve Marching Unit, Washington, D.C.

## 'The Leapfrogs' 1997 schedule

The Navy's parachute demonstration team, the Leap Frogs, have announced their 1997 show schedule while subject to change, this years schedule includes:

March 1-2: Miami Grand Prix, Miami.

March 27-31: Disney World Sports (Braves vs. Yankees),  
Orlando, Fla.

April 1: Florida Marlins Home Opener, Miami.

April 10-14: Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

April 25-27: El Toro Air Show, Irvine, Calif.

May 1-5: Air and Sea Show, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

May 21: California State House, Sacramento, Calif.

May 22-26: Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

June 5-9: Elkhart Air Show, Elkhart, Ind.

June 12-16: Santa Fe Air Show, Santa Fe, N.M.

June 19-22: Grand Forks Air Force Base Open House, Grand  
Forks, N.D.

June 26-30: Thunder Over Niagara Falls, N.Y.

July 4: 4th of July SEAL Capabilities Demo., Coronado,  
Calif.

July 5-6: McDonnell Douglas Air Show, St. Louis.

July 17-20: East Coast UDT/SEAL Reunion, Virginia Beach,  
Va.

July 24-28: Newton Air Show, Newton, Iowa.

Aug. 1-4: National Boy Scout Jamboree, FT A.P. Hill, Va.

Aug. 7-11: Eugene Air Show, Eugene, Ore.

Aug. 15-16: West Coast UDT/SEAL reunion, Coronado, Calif.

Aug. 21-25: Chicago Air and Water Show, Chicago.

Aug. 30-31: San Francisco 49'ers home opener, San Francisco.

Sept. 4-7: '97 Educational and Scholarship Air Show, Price,  
Utah.

Sept. 10-14: Reno Air Races, Reno, Nev.

Sept. 18-22: DuPage Air Show, West Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 2-5: Lake Powell Air Affair, Page, Ariz.

Oct. 9-13: International Air Show '97, Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Oct. 16-19: U.S Naval Academy (Homecoming), Annapolis,  
Md.

Oct. 23-27: '97 N'Awlins Air Show, New Orleans.

Nov. 6-8: UDT/SEAL Museum Veterans Day Demo., Ft  
Pierce, Fla.

Nov. 9-10: Miami Dolphins NFL football game.



## Sailors rescued from crash

GULF OF ADEN (NWSA) — Three aircrew Sailors from Helicopter Squadron Anti-submarine Light 46 were rescued after their SH-60 SeaHawk helicopter crashed in the Gulf of Aden Jan. 8.

The Mayport, Fla., based helicopter, operating from USS *Nicholson* (DD 982), was on a routine mission when the accident occurred. The three crew members survived the crash and were pulled from the sea by a rescue team from USS *Halyburton* (FFG 40). The cause of the crash is under investigation.

## Notable Quotable

"Naval Heritage is more intimate and personal than our history. It is about how our core values prevailed and why." Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy ETCM(SW) John Hagan.

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**NAVADMIN 005/97  
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Announces FY-97 active line and staff LT selectees.

**NAVADMIN 007/97  
(DTG 091916Z JAN 97)**

Announces FY-97 enlisted early separation programs.

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- Focus on the Fleet: The Navy prepares to test the Super Hornet at sea
- Secretary of Defense Perry says farewell, awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Marines in Hawaii use ingenuity to make close combat training real
- USS Enterprise Sailors in touch with their adopted school even at sea
- FLIP Ship: What is it?
- News you can use: Plan now for Valentine's Day
- Marines needed to become stenotype court-martial reporters
- Marines at Camp Lejeune add motorcycles to their transportation portfolio
- MOVIE CALL: "The Preachers Wife" starring Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston
- ROLLOUT: Close Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

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